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**REGION 9**  
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Kathleen Whysner  
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Department of Energy  
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Subject: EPA's Protectiveness Determination for the Second Five-Year Review Report,  
Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research Federal Facility Superfund Site,  
University of California, Davis

Dear Kathleen Whysner:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, has reviewed the Second Five-Year Review Report for the Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research (LEHR) Federal Facility, dated June 21, 2021, and concurs with its findings. EPA agrees that the remedy is protective.

EPA's Protectiveness Statement is:

The remedies at the DOE Areas of the site are protective of human health and the environment. Land-use controls are in place to prevent human exposure to contaminated soil; it has been confirmed that there are no vapor intrusion threats; ecological risks are below the level of concern for ecological receptors; there is no human or ecological exposure to groundwater; and ongoing groundwater monitoring and the implementation of contingent remedial actions, if required, provide protection of groundwater quality. The remedy at the DOE Areas of LEHR is protective of human health and the environment. Land-use restrictions are in place to prevent exposure to contaminated soil.

Please contact me at Barton.dana@epa.gov or the EPA Project Manager at Hadlock.holly@epa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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